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FOR THE

Urban Sanitary District

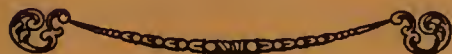
OF

Barton-Upon-Humber

FOR THE YEAR 1937

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*To the Chairman and Members of the
Urban District Council of Barton-on-Humber.*

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present to you my Report for 1937.

General Statistics.

The area of Barton-on-Humber is:—

6,343 acres land and inland waters,

838 „ tidal waters.

The population is 6,227.

There are 1,897 inhabited houses in the town.

The Rateable Value of the district is £23,460.

Vital Statistics.

			Males.	Females.	Total.
LIVE BIRTHS ...	...	...	37	50	87
Legitimate	...	...	36	47	
Illegitimate	...	...	1	3	
Birth Rate (excluding Still-births) 13.971 per 1,000					

			Males.	Females.	Total.
STILL-BIRTHS, Legitimate	...	...	3	3	6

			Males.	Females.	Total.
DEATHS	42	44	86

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 1 YEAR

Legitimate	1	1	2
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Death Rate (all ages) 14.13 per 1,000.

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VITAL STATISTICS (continued).

Causes of Death.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Measles	1		1
Scarlet fever	1		1
Influenza	1	1	2
Respiratory tuberculosis ... 2 Males aged 23 yrs., 1 Male aged 26.	3		3
Other tuberculosis 4 Males, aged 31, 42, 12, 2 1 Female aged 4	4	1	5
Gen. paralysis of insane, etc.	1		1
Cancer	9	4	13
Cerebral hæmorrhage ...	1	6	7
Heart disease	5	11	16
Aneurysm	1		1
Other circulatory	3	2	5
Bronchitis	3	3	6
Pneumonia	2		2
Appendicitis		1	1
Other digestive	1		1
Nephritis		4	4
Other puerperal		1	1
Congenital causes, etc. ...		1	1
Senility	1	1	2
Other violence	1	2	3
Other defined causes ...	5	6	11

Notifiable Diseases.

The following infectious diseases have been notified to me by medical men during the year:—

	M.	F.
Pulmonary tuberculosis ...	4	0
Non-pulmonary tuberculosis	4	3

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (continued).

Diphtheria (excluding carriers)	1
Pneumonia	6
Whooping-cough	1
Varicella	6
Scarlet fever	5
Erysipelas	4

Health Services, etc.

Two trained Nurses (also qualified in Midwifery) are provided by arrangement with the Lincolnshire Nursing Association for Midwifery and General District work in the area. This is in view of the adoption in the near future by the Lindsey C.C. of the 1936 Midwives Act. There are in addition two certified Midwives practising privately in the town.

The Lindsey County Council has a Maternity and Child Welfare Centre, a School Clinic, and a Tuberculosis Clinic, at its premises at No. 50 Holydyke.

A modern and comfortable maternity home has been built by the County Council at Scunthorpe.

A wheeled Ambulance is kept at Mr. L. Walker's in High Street; and Mr. A. H. Thompson has a closed motor van which can be converted into an ambulance at very short notice.

There is no hospital in the Urban District.

Accommodation for Infectious diseases is provided by the Lindsey C.C. at Brumby and elsewhere. Cases of Small-pox are segregated in a hospital in the parish of Osgodby.

Pathological and bacteriological examinations are carried out by the County Medical Officer at Lincoln.

A Red Cross supply Depot of Nursing Requisites is kept by Mrs. P. Birtwhistle at Priestgate.

The provision of a Public Swimming-Bath is being considered by the Physical Training and Recreation Facilities Committee.

Water Supply.

The Water Supply from the Waterworks is good, and about 69% of the houses in the town are connected with the mains. The rest of the houses are supplied by pumps and wells which yield good water.

The Authority administering the Waterworks is contemplating the augmentation of their supply and storage capacity in view of the extension of the water carriage system and the erection of new houses.

Sanitary Administration.

The Council employs one full-time Surveyor, one full-time Sanitary Inspector, and one part-time Medical Officer.

The water-carriage system for disposal of excreta is still being extended.

The removal of nightsoil and ashes is carried out weekly.

A Mortuary is provided, and post-mortem examinations can be efficiently carried out in it.

It will be noted from the Sanitary Inspector's report that most of the work in connection with the repair and improvement of Dwelling-Houses has been done without the serving of Formal notices.

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT.**DWELLING-HOUSES.**

Total number of new houses erected during the year	...	28
(3) By other bodies or persons	... ..	28
1 Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year—		
(1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	... ..	147
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	... ..	642

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT (continued).

(2)	(a)	Number of dwelling-houses (included under Sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925	120
	(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	255
(3)		Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	70
(4)		Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	77
2		Remedy of Defects during the year without Service of Formal Notices—	
		Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	61
3		Action under Statutory Powers during the year—	
	(a)	Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 36 of the Housing Act, 1936—	
	(1)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	3
	(2)	Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices—	
	(a)	By owners	74
	(b)	Proceedings under Public Health Acts—	
	(1)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	1
	(2)	Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices—	
	(a)	By owners	1

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SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT (continued).

(c) Proceedings under sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936—

(1)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	...	19
(2)	Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	... ..	3
(3)	Number of Dwelling-houses subject to undertakings	... ..	29

4 Housing Act, 1936. Part IV. Overcrowding—

(a)	(1)	Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	... ..	25
	(2)	Number of families dwelling therein	...	25
	(3)	Number of persons dwelling therein	...	197
(c)	(1)	Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	... ..	14
	(2)	Number of persons concerned in such cases		102

BAKEHOUSES.

Number in district: 7. Number of Inspections: 12.

SLAUGHTER-HOUSES.

Number on register: 9. Number of Inspections: 324.
Contraventions of by-laws: 2. Defects remedied: 2.

COWSHEDS.

Number on register: 35. Number of Inspections: 21.

DAIRIES AND MILK SHOPS.

Number on register: 44. Number of Inspections: 22.
Any instance of disease attributed to milk during the year:
Yes.

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT (continued).

UN SOUND FOOD.

Carcases Inspected and Condemned.

			Cattle.	Calves.	Sheep and Lambs.	Pigs.
Number inspected	...	...	182	3	86	275

All diseases except Tuberculosis.

Whole carcasses condemned	...	1		1		
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	...	16				2
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis	...	9.34		1.16		0.77

Tuberculosis only.

Whole carcasses condemned	...					1
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	...	20				30
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis		10.99				11.27

Water Supply.

Public Supply. Area supplied: Rural parts not supplied and odd houses and groups of houses throughout built-up area. Percentage of houses supplied: 68.69%.

Number of Samples obtained for analysis	...	...	...	1
(a) from wells	...	..	...	1

Drainage and Sewerage.

CLOSETS.

Number of houses with privy vaults in collection area: 131. Number of houses with pail closets in collection area: 946. Number of pail closets substituted for privy vaults: 1. Number of pail closets repaired: 39. Number of water-closets substituted for dry receptacles: 21. Number of houses with water-closets in district: 739.

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT (continued).

DRAINS.

Drains examined, tested, exposed, etc.: 2,832 feet.
 Drains unstopped, repaired, trapped, etc.: 18. Waste pipes,
 rain water pipes disconnected, repaired, etc.: 43. Drains
 reconstructed: 27.

SEWERS.

New lengths of sewer laid, 40 feet.

TANKS, FILTER BEDS, ETC.

Any inadequacy of sewage disposal works or complaints as
 to smells? Yes.

DISINFECTION.

Rooms disinfected	...	...	...	...	...	9
(a) ordinary infectious disease	...	...	...	...	...	7
(b) tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	...	2

HOUSE REFUSE.

Number of bins substituted for ashpits: 39. Number
 of houses using bins: 1768. Is refuse removed by house-
 holders or by public scavenger? Public scavenger. How
 frequently is refuse removed from each house? Weekly.
 Method of final disposal? Crude Tipping. Are existing
 arrangements for refuse removal satisfactory? Collection,
 Yes. Disposal, No.

NUISANCES.

Total number of Nuisances during the years—

(1) Abated as result of informal action by Sanitary Inspector ...	...	...	...	375
(2) Reported to Council— Statutory notice issued	...	...	...	3

DETAILS OF NUISANCES ABATED.

	After Informal Intimation.	After Statutory Notice.
Smoke	...	1
Accumulation of refuse	3	1
Foul ditches, ponds and stagnant water	1	
Dampness	68	
Yards re-paved or repaired	6	1
Other nuisances	297	

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT (continued).

SUPPLEMENTARY REMARKS.

During the year Bins were substituted for all ashpits in collection area; Sheep were included in the Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933; and Four Clearance Orders were made and confirmed.

W. J. HAWKINS, A. R. SAN., I.,
Sanitary Inspector.

During the spring of the year under review there was an epidemic of streptococcal sore-throats. After investigation, a cow was found in a local dairy, which animal though itself healthy was in effect acting as a carrier. The cow was isolated, after which the epidemic subsided.

A good deal of work has been done under the Housing Acts for the re-housing of persons displaced by closing orders, and for the relief of overcrowding.

Since the appointment of a full-time Sanitary Inspector it has been found possible to carry out the sanitary work of the town more effectively and satisfactorily than heretofore.

May I reiterate the request made by the Chief Medical Officer of the Ministry of Health four years ago, that all works and "improvements" undertaken by Local Authorities should bear some impress of the æsthetic concepts of beauty and art.

I have the honour to be,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

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